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SUBJECT: CORDOBA SEMINARIANS

1. DEPTOFFS HAD LUNCH ON AUGUST 25 WITH CONGRESSMAN EARLY AND FATHER WEEKS. BOTH REITERATED THEIR THANKS FOR EMBASSY EFFORTS ON BEHALF WEEKS.

2. PARTICULAR CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED OVER FIVE SEMINARIANS WHO APPARENTLY REMAIN IN JAIL IN CORDOBA. LASALETTE ORDER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEMINARIANS CONCLUDE THEIR STUDIES IN UNITED STATES AND IS SECURING REQUIRED I-20S. IT IS LASALETTE INTENTION TO ASSIGN SEMINARIANS OUTSIDE UNITED STATES UPON THEIR ORDINATION AS PRIESTS.

3. IF APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY SHOULD PASS THIS INFORMATION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN HOPE THAT PASSPORTS WILL BE ISSUED TO SEMINARIANS ALLOWING THEIR TRAVEL.

4. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS SEMINARIANS CASE WITH PAPAL NUNCIO WHOEVER UNDERSTAND HAS INTERVENED ON SEMINARIANS BEHALF. KISSINGER

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